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IN THE UNITED STATES PATENT AND TRADEMARK OFFICE

In re Application of:)
H. Michael Wenz) Group Art Unit: 1637
Serial No.: 09/724,755) Examiner: J. Fredman
Filed: November 28, 2000)
For: METHODS FOR DETECTING)
TARGET NUCLEIC ACIDS)
USING COUPLED LIGATION)
AND AMPLIFICATION)

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